

PLEASE SAVE THE WORLD

(By Heather Lake)

DEAR SOLDIER: Hi, my name is Heather. I am 8 years old. But I will be 9 in April 24th. I want to thank you for volentearing to save the world from losing. Please pray to all that have died in your group that have tried to save this world. I hope you do well. Be carefully with the weapons. We are sending things like: Toilet paper, newspaper, pictures, tishuses, chap stick. I hope you do really really well. I hope you get binladin Hussan.

Thank you and win the war.
P.S. Thank you for your time.

OUR FREEDOM FIGHTERS

(By Mrs. Orofino's Fourth Graders)

John F. Kennedy Intermediate School, Deer Park School District, Deer Park, New York
You're our Knights in Shining Armor.
The personnel carriers your steeds and body protection.
Thundering over the desert on toward Baghdad.
You left home and traveled to foreign lands in the name of Freedom.
You crossed thousands of miles,
Leaving your loved ones behind.
You crossed barren lands over hundreds of miles through the desert.
Listening to artillery fire.
Treating Iraqi citizens
With Kindness and Respect.
Thank you for being our heroes, the World's Protectors of Liberty and Justice.
"Let Freedom Ring!"

TO OUR MARINES

(By Jessica Gulotta)

When you are out there in your tanks
I am giving you a special thanks.
I truly trust you. I really do.
Leaving your homes and families too.
Keep your hopes up; it will get you through.
Heroes, Heroes, that's what you are.
You left your homes and traveled far
Off to war, hoping an end will soon come.
Just fight, fight, fight, and then you're done.

HONORING HARRY BLOWEY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Harry Blowey and his contributions to this country. Harry began his service to our nation in the 1940s, serving in the Navy in the Pacific theatre during World War II, and today I would like to honor his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Harry was aboard an aircraft carrier, the USS *Bismarck Sea*, during the battle for Iwo Jima when his ship was hit by two Japanese kamikazes. The explosions broke the ship in half, and as the ship sank, Harry lowered himself down a line and jumped into the water, keeping himself afloat for five hours before he was rescued. Harry's ship was the last American aircraft carrier sunk in World War II.

Harry also served as a belly-gunner during the battles for Leyte and Luzon in the Philippine Islands, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Navy and Marine Corps medal for heroism, and three air medals for special com-

bat missions. Now Harry is continuing to serve his country by sharing his story with his neighbors and the Veterans' History Project, ensuring that his experiences will be permanently archived at the U.S. Library of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Harry Blowey for his service to this country. He served selflessly during a time when our country was in great need. His actions have brought great credit to himself and his nation, and his willingness to share his story with posterity will benefit generations to come. Thanks, Harry, for your service to this nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 7, 2003, had I been present for rollcall vote Nos. 109, 110, and 111, I would have voted the following way: Rollcall vote No. 109—"aye"; Rollcall vote No. 110—"aye"; Rollcall Vote No. 111—"aye."

TRIBUTE TO 2003 NCAA CHAMPIONS
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Syracuse University Orangemen. Last night, Syracuse laid claim to the school's first Division I Basketball National Championship after defeating the University of Kansas, 81-78. In addition to the players and coaching staff, many deserve recognition, including school administrators, faculty, staff, alumni, students, and one of the most loyal fan bases in all of collegiate athletics.

Mr. Speaker, as you may know, Syracuse has been to the Final Four before. Last night's championship game proved for Head Coach Jim Boeheim that the third time was the right time as his Orangemen came full circle to defeat a national powerhouse in the Louisiana Superdome, avenging a heartbreaking 1987 loss to Indiana in the same facility. Preparing for a championship match up against a senior-led Kansas team is not an easy task. Jim deserves much credit for his young team's outstanding determination and accomplishment.

Knowing Coach Boeheim personally, I would like to congratulate him here on the House floor. He is Syracuse basketball. Coaching his alma mater for twenty-seven years and being part of Syracuse basketball for more than half his life, this championship is deserved not only for all of Syracuse's supporters and community but for the coach himself. Also deserving praise this afternoon is Head Assistant Coach Bernie Fine and the rest of the Syracuse coaching staff.

Syracuse's championship team was led by Final Four MOP, freshman Carmelo Anthony, with outstanding support from Gerry McNamara, Billy Edelin, Kueth Duany, Hakim Warrick, Craig Forth, Jeremy McNeil, and Josh Pace. This young team demonstrated poise, presence, and pride in their perform-

ance throughout the tournament and all season long.

The Orangemen's win last night certifies that Syracuse is a national college basketball powerhouse. Congratulations to the entire Syracuse University community. We are proud of you.

TRIBUTE TO THE FRIENDS OF
NORRIS COTTON CANCER CENTER**HON. CHARLES F. BASS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions made by the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire.

Whereas the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center began in 1982, when a group of civic-minded citizens, all friends of Senator Norris Cotton, founded an organization to support Norris Cotton Cancer Center, which was established in 1972, through the efforts of Senator Norris Cotton and Dr. Frank Lane.

Whereas the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center have lived up to their stated purpose to promote the welfare of the Cancer Center at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center during the past two decades.

Whereas the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center have adopted the Audrey Prouty Century Ride & Fitness Walk as its signature fundraiser.

Whereas the Prouty first began 22 years ago when four nurses rode 100 miles through the White Mountains of New Hampshire as a tribute to one patient's courage in her battle with ovarian cancer.

Whereas last year's proceeds from the Prouty enabled Norris Cotton Cancer Center researchers to continue their work assessing a person's genetic risk for cancer, developing new and better medications to fight the disease, and advancing basic science investigations critical to finding a cure for cancer.

Whereas the recent purchase of an Agilent Microarray System, a powerful weapon in the war against cancer, was made possible through the work of the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center has made possible the identification of previously unidentified targets within tumors and the development of novel drugs to attack and hopefully kill these tumors.

Whereas the continued fundraising efforts of the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center through the Prouty and other venues will most assuredly translate into even more discoveries in the search for a cure for cancer.

Therefore I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in extending heartfelt appreciation and admiration to the Friends for their contributions towards the cure for cancer in our lifetime.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY PINO

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